

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, December 3, 1718.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Nov. 26.

Copenhagen, Nov. 20.

**M**R. Corradini, the Chaplain of the Court, lately received a Bill of Exchange of 20,000 Florins, by the way of Hamburg: It was inclosed in the following Letter, which had no Date, either of Time or Place.

"My late Husband having been so favoured by Fortune while he was in the Service of the King of Denmark, that he was, under God, obliged to his Danish Majesty for all the Estate he left: For this Reason, out of pure Compassion at the Misery to which many Persons are reduc'd by the late Fire, I desire, that the half of this Sum I send you be distributed among the Sufferers, and the other Half applied to the rebuilding of the Churches. I also desire you to distribute 1000 Crowns among the Ministers of the Gospel, that are burnt out of their Houses and ruined. For the rest, I recommend my self and my fatherless Children to your Prayers."

The Inhabitants of this City have also experimented the Generosity of the Count de Guldenstein, having sent them 20,000 Florins.

Hague, Nov. 26. 'Tis reported with great Confidence, That the Pope is determined to augment the present Number of Cardinals from 72 to 80: but this Design will not take place, the Sacred College opposing it to a Man, as a Lessening of their Dignity; and his Holiness's principal Design in proposing it, being to give Satisfaction to some crown'd Heads, who complain, that the Nuncios residing at their Courts are too long excluded from the Purple. Upon the whole Matter, Sigr. Bichi is sure of having a Cap, on Condition that he goes to Rome, and casts himself at the Pope's Feet. And this will terminate all Differences arisen betwixt the Courts of Rome and Lisbon, upon the score of that Cardinal.

London, Nov. 26. On Saturday 1st the Lord Viscount Torrington, Sir Charles Wager, Lords

Commissioners of the Admiralty, and Sir Jacob Acworth, Surveyor of the Navy, shewed to their Majesties about 20 Pieces of Planks, taken out of the Keels, Sides and Rudders of Men of War lately returned from the W. Indies, that were all like so many Honey-combs, being worm eaten in an uncommon Degree. They shewed also to their Majesties a Parcel of the Worms alive. All which were forthwith brought back to the Admiralty Office, to be sent to Sir Jacob Ackworth's.

From the Whitehall Evening Post Nov. 26.

Petersburg, Nov. 2. They write from Novogrod, that abundance of Snow is fallen in these Parts; and that the Commandant of that City has ordered some thousands of Boors to clear the Roads; the rather, since the last Letters from Moscow tell us, that the Court has resolved to depart from thence. They continue likewise to fell great Trees in the Forest, to make new Road between this City and Moscow, whereat 16000 Men are now employed.

Worcester, Nov. 31. On Monday, Owner Field's Barge laden with Iron, going up the River, was cast away within 3 Miles of this City, and three of the Men drowned. A Man on Shore observing too much Sail hoisted, admonished a Fellow on board to lower it, or otherwise the Vessel would be in Danger of sinking in turning at a certain Point in the River: But the Fellow, in stead of thanking him, replied, Let her sink and be damn'd, if she will. And turning that very Point, her Head cut so deep in the Water that she sunk down in a Moment to the Bottom. The Owner was not aboard.

From the Post Boy, Nov. 25.

Warsaw, Nov. 15. The last Advices we received from Saxony import, That the King being pretty well recovered, is resolved to set out about the End of this Year for this City, where his Majesty will hold a great *Senatus Consultum*, immediately after his Arrival; when the Time and Place for the holding the Diet shall be appointed.

Dresden, Nov. 19. Mr. Prebendowski, Great

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Treasurer of Poland, is expected here. 'Tis talked that his Majesty wants to consult with him about Matters of very great Moment, before he sets out for Warsaw. His Majesty has not yet disposed of the Place of Velt Marshal, vacant by the Death of Count Fleming.

*Hague, Nov. 29.* There are private Letters from Madrid, but by the Way of Brabant, which say that the Cortez or States of the Kingdom of Spain were summoned by his Catholick Majesty, against the 22d Instant, his said Majesty intending to consult with them about an Affair of very great Moment. But as Letters which came directly from Madrid, mention nothing of it, this Piece of News must be better confirmed before it can be credited. We have an Account from Stockholm, that when the King was giving Directions for putting a Stop to the Progress of the Flames, he received some Hurt by a Plank which fell upon him.

*London, Nov. 25.* The General Council that was to have been held at St. James's last Saturday was put off.

*From the Evening Post, Nov. 26.*

*Stockholm, Nov. 1.* The Senate will meet the 5th Instant, when his Majesty will impart to them Matters of great Moment. Mr. Maderstein, late Receiver of the Dutchy of Bremen, being convicted of all the Malversations he was charged with, has been sentenced to Death; but 'tis thought the King will be graciously pleased to grant him his Life, and commute the foresaid Punishment to Imprisonment for the Remainder of his Days, in the Citadel of Maelstrand.

*Venna, Nov. 20.* Yesterday arrived a Courier from Spain, concerning the proposed Truce, 'tis no longer doubted but it will take Place, the more because the Imperial Court discovers a great Disposition for Peace. We hear that all Matters except those of Commerce, are adjusted between the Powers concerned, and that all will be concluded by Easter next, notwithstanding which, it still appears, by Advices from Spain, that the Court of Madrid is still intent upon augmenting their Fleet, and by those from Moscow, that 30,000 Russians will constantly be kept in readiness for the Service of the Emperor.

*Paris, Nov. 27.* 'Tis talked that the last Cou-

rier from Spain brought Advice that his Catholick Majesty being recovered, at last consented to be shaved and dressed, and afterwards went in great State to the Church of Antocha, to return Thanks to God.

Here runs a Report, but without any Certainty, that his said Majesty has granted the Duke de Ripperda a gracious Pardon.

The Troops which worked on the new Canal in Picardy, are gone back to their Quarters, so that now there are no others to carry on that Work, but hired Peasants; about two Leagues of that Canal are done, and 'tis expected the whole will be finished the next Year.

*London, Nov. 26.* We are certainly informed that Mr. John Payne of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset Merchant, hath obtained his Majesty's Royal Letters Patent, for the sole Use and Benefit of a new Engine, which he hath invented for moving large Hammers, &c. and also a new Way and Method of extending or applying the Heat of Fire to a much greater Advantage than has hitherto been practised, for the melting of all Sorts of Metals and Metaline Ores, and moulding or shaping of vitrified Scoria, or Dross of Metals or Metaline Ores, into Bricks, Tyles, or other Forms, fit for Conveniencies and Ornaments in building; and also for drying of Malt and Meal, and in Brewing and Distilling; and likewise in Refining of Salt from Salt Rock, and making the same from Brine or salt Water, in a better and cheaper Manner than now it is; and also, for the sole Use and Benefit of certain Ingredients to be put into Brison with Pig-Sow, or cast brittle Iron, which will render the same as malleable, as if it were done with Charcoal, &c.

*From the Flying Post, Nov. 26.*

*Constantinople, Sept. 29.* It is now six Weeks since the Grand Sigr. has not gone out of the Seraglio, where his Highness is detained by an Ailment in his Tongue, which hinders him from applying himself to publick Affairs: But we are assured that Prince is much better since the Arrival of a Physician from Grand-cairo, who was sent for some time ago.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Nov. 28.*

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*No Foreign Mails this Post.*

**T**HERE are some Complaints of the Scarcity of Money and Deadness of Trade, the great Delays of the Court of Madrid, in the Negotiations for Peace, and the Uncertainty given thereby, as to how they will terminate, have occasioned some damp to be put to our Commerce, which however will soon revive, and be brought to its former flourishing State; for after all that has been said, the King of Spain must think it his Interest, rather to comply to the just and equitable Terms proposed for a Truce or Peace, than enter upon a War, in which he cannot have the least Prospect or Hopes of Success, all Endeavours for dividing the Allies of Hanover having proved vain and fruitless.

We hear that the Court has received an Account from the Lord Vere Beauchamp, Commander of his Majesty's Ship *Kinsale*, dated October the 29th in the Bay of Cadiz, That a Spanish Advice Ship was arrived there from the Havana, laden with Tobacco, and Dollars, the Commander whereof has brought Advice there, that the Galleons were to sail the Beginning of October, and to be at Cadiz the latter End of December.

On Tuesday night the Right Honourable Edward Southwell Esq; his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Ireland, arrived here from Paris, and was Yesterday at Court to wait on their Majesties.

They have been busy for a long Time past at the Pay-office, in discharging the Arrears due to the Seamen in his Majesty's Service; and such a Progress has been made in this seasonable and important Affair, to the great Encouragement of those most useful People, that 'tis believed there will scarce be any want of Seamen for the future on any Emergency whatsoever.

This Day Mr. Henley, Mr. Woolston, and about 29 other Persons, appeared upon Recognizance at Westminster, and were all continued to the next Term. Mr. Attorney General filed Informations against Mrs. Nut, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Dod, and Mr. Lullenburg, four Mercuries, for publishing Mifs's Journal of the 24th of August last.

'Tis said that Mr. Mifs is lately set out hence with his new married Wife, for some Place in

France; and that his Man Wolfe was lately set at Calais.

Capt. Stradwick was for cruel Usage to Wife, fined 50 L. a Years Imprisonment, and give Security for seven Years.

Mr. Thomas Took, an Attorney of Staples-In who was by the House of Lords fined 500 L. for notorious Contempt and Breach of Privilege against the Earl of Strafford, has printed his Case in a small Pamphlet, and sent it to all the Lords Spiritual and Temporal; also to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and many other Members, which makes a great Noise.

This Day Thomas Wyndham Esq; Member of Parliament for Dunwich, was married to Miss Edwin, a Fortune of 20,000 L.

The Passage by Land and Water, is now become very dangerous and difficult. Yesterday a Boat crossing the River to Southwark Side, a little above the Bridge, with five Women and two Watermen in it, was in the utmost Danger of being overset; a large Sheet of Ice, which drove against it unforeseen, bore it down near the Bridge.

We have to add to the many melancholly Accounts of Losses by Sea, that the Robert and Elizabeth, belonging to Hull, from Gottenberg, laden with Iron, in her homeward bound Passage, sprung a Leak, and foundered; but the Crew after sustaining great Miseries by Cold and Hunger, were taken up by the Vine from Norway.

Since our last have died Colonel Townshend, and Nicholas Arnold Esq; one of the Band of Pensioners.

Some Accounts from Jamaica, mention the Death of Commodore St. Loe.

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*Bologna, Nov. 13.* On Tuesday last the Count de Poor, an Irishman, arrived here, made a Visit to the Pretender, and afterwards proceeded hence for Rome.

*Berlin, Nov. 23.* We hear from Dresden, That an Express is arrived there from Warsaw, with Advice, that the General of the Crown died there the 5th Instant.

*Paris, Decem. 1.* 'Tis said the King will go next Year to view the chief Towns in Flanders; and the

the Year following, his Majesty will take a Progress hence, to see all the principal Fortresses of the Kingdom.

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*Vienna, Nov. 20.* Here is Advice from Constantinople, which imports, That in order to prevent the spreading of the Contagion, it was resolved by the Divan to stop up the Streets where any Houses were infected; and post Janisaries there; but this was so highly resented by the Janisaries, that the Porte, in order to appease them, was obliged to give 400 Purfes to be distributed amongst them, and to employ Christian Slaves in that Service, or such Persons as should offer themselves voluntarily. The Foreign Ministers were still at Pera, where the Contagion had not reached then. M. Romanzoff had put off his Departure for Moscow for some Time longer.

*Vienna, Nov. 20.* The Emperor having presented the Aplick Council with his own Picture drawn at full Length, and with all his Imperial Robes and other Ornaments, the same was hung up Yesterday in their Council-chamber: And Yesterday the President went and returned Thanks to his Majesty on the part of the whole Body.

Last Tuesday was opened here the Session of the States of Lower Austria, to which the Emperor repaired; and being seated on his Throne, the Vice-Chancellor, in the Absence of Count Zinzendorf, made a short but elegant Speech, and delivered to Count Volkra the Demands of his Imperial Majesty. Then the Emperor also made a fine Speech, to which the Count de Volkra, in the Name of the whole Assembly, returned an Answer, and thanked his Imperial Majesty for honouring them with his Presence. The States having taken into Consideration the Demands of the Emperor, granted him the Sum of 600,000 Florins for the ordinary Subsidy, which is to be continued till the Year 1740; and another of 100,000 Florins; which however, is not to be paid in to the Emperor's Coffers, but is to be employed in discharging the States Debts;

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likewise, the Sum of 100,000 more the Year ensuing.

*Copenhagen, Nov. 23.* They will begin next Week to rebuild the Townhouse. His Majesty still extends his Bounty to all who stand in Need of Charity, without any Distinction of Religion; particularly, the Members of the French Congregation of Refugees received lately a very signal Instance of his Royal Liberality.

*London, Nov. 26.* The Duke of Richmond arrived lately at Madrid.

On Thursday Night last, a poor Girl going for Wapping, to Whitechapel Jail, to give her Father a Sixpence, he being a Prisoner there, was assaulted in Whitechapel Fields by a Foot-Pad, who because she had no more Money, flung her into a Ditch, and beat her Barbarously.

By Letters from Jamaica we are informed, That Commodore St. Loe and Captain Vankle of the same Squadron, died lately at that Place of Heetick Fevers.

S. S. Stock, 101, 3 8ths.

*Edinburgh, Decem. 3.* This Day the Jury brought in their Verdict, in relation to Alexander Anderson and Thomas Mainal, (the Lithgow Robbers) finding the Libel proven. And Tomorrow they receive Sentence accordingly.

This Day, being the 15th Day of the Moon, it is High Water at Leith, at 1 o'clock, 32 Minutes. Tomorrow, at 2, 20 Min.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

*By Order of the Directors of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance,*

These are intimating, That all Bonds granted for the Insurance Premiums, and not renewed as directed by the last General Meeting of the Society, are put in the Hands of the Society's Secretary, with Orders to do Diligence upon them, in case those, who have hitherto neglected, do not renew their respective Bonds, betwixt and the twenty eight Day of December next to come.

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